

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9943–S9992

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1727–1734, and S. Res. 294–296. **Pages S9981–82**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 191, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2918. **Pages S9969–70**

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 186, supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. **Page S9991**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9970–75**

Adopted:

Johanns Modified Amendment No. 2555, to ensure the availability of not less than \$30,000,000 for High Priority National Guard Counterdrug Programs. **Page S9972**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 2575, to provide for testimony before Congress on the additional forces and resources required to meet United States objectives with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan. **Pages S9971–72**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 303), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to McCain Amendment No. 2558, to strike amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010 and to make such amounts available instead for operation and maintenance in accordance with amounts requested by the President in that budget and for Operation and Maintenance, Army, for overseas contingency operations. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S9970–71**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 2, 2009. **Page S9975**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 2009. **Page S9991**

Conference Reports:

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference Report: By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 302), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. **Pages S9953–59, S9959–69**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 300), three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to

waive the point of order that the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918 violates Senate Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Thus, the point of order fell. **Page S9968**

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 301), three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive the point of order under section 311(a)(2) that the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918 violates the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Thus, the point of order raised fell. **Page S9968**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Louis B. Butler, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Sanford C. Coats, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Stephanie Villafuerte, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

John Leroy Kammerzell, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Mark Anthony Martinez, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Stephen James Smith, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S9991–92**

Messages from the House: **Page S9981**

Measures Referred: **Page S9981**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S9978–81**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9989–90**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S9990–91**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—303) **Pages S9968, S9969, S9971**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9991.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Bennett and Cochran, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Harris D. Sherman, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FINANCIAL REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine international cooperation to modernize financial regulation, after receiving testimony from Kathleen L. Casey, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Mark Sobel, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; and Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, October 1, 2009.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD BURMA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy toward Burma, focusing